year over the corresponding quarter of the last year increased by 9.72% and 6.31% respectively. The gross collection under Corporation Tax has increased by 34.81% and that under Income Tax has increased by 2.16% in the first quarter of the current financial year over the gross collection under these Heads in the last financial year. However, due to 86.86% increase in the amount of Refunds issued in the first quarter of financial year 2003-04 over the Refunds issued during the corresponding period of financial year 2002-03, the Net collection have registered a decline of 21.84% under Corporation Tax and 7.39% under Income Tax in the first quarter of financial year 2003-04 as compared to corresponding period of last financial year.

Reduction in non-plan expenditure

190. SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent Government have been able to reduce the non-plan expenditure (excluding the expenditure on loan repayment and interest payment); and

(b) what are the details thereof for the years 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANDNDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) and (b) The non-plan expenditure of the Government excluding interest payments and loan repayments was as under.

(Rs. crores)

	Particulars	2000-01 (Acs)	2001-02 (Acs)	2002-03 (RE)
1.	Defence Expenditure	49622	54266	56000
2.	Subsidies	26838	31207	44618
3.	Other Non-Plan Expenditure	67149	68326	73643
4.	Total Non-Plan expenditure (Excluding interest payments)	143609	153799	174261